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SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIAN "INFORMAL IDEA" FOR MEETING
IN GENEVA OR VIENNA AS FOLLOW-UP TO SPECIAL UNGA SESSION

1. AT THIS JUNCTURE, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREMATURE AND PROBABLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO HAVE THE TYPE OF MEETING BAROODY IS SUGGESTING. I THINK WE ALL AGREED ON THE RISKS OF BRINGING TOGETHER SUCH DIVERGENT PLAYERS AS THE SAUDIS, IRANIANS AND ALGERIANS WITH THE NAMED CONSUMERS UNTIL WE HAVE FIRM RESULTS ON CONSUMER COOPERATIVE EFFORTS (MOST NOTABLY ENERGY SHARING PLAN) AND EXACT PICTURE OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH. IF THERE EVER IS TO BE A CONSUMER/PRODUCER MEETING, IT SHOULD COME ONLY AFTER CAREFULLY PREPARED BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH KEY FRIENDLY PRODUCERS SUCH AS SAUDIS AND IRANIANS. USG NEEDS TO CONTROL PACE OF THIS EFFORT AND THEREFORE WE WANT TO AVOID PLACING BALL IN YAMANI'S COURT WHICH COULD BE RESULT APPROACH AS SUGGESTED BY AKINS.

2. BELIEVE ANY CONTACT BY AKINS SHOULD BE ALONG LINE
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OF GUIDANCE POINTS COMING OUT OF LAST ECG MEETING AND

WITH A VIEW TOWARD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN USG AND
SAG. DONALDSON**

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